

March 4, 1997 Progress Report on State/NOAA Coordination and Technical Support

Action items from the last meeting and activities were reviewed. It was noted that Washington and California had not provided their lists of Coastal County Emergency Management Focal Points. (Washington provided the list at the meeting and California will provide it next week.)

Training for the NWS Warning Coordination Meteorologists (WCMs) was discussed. Training should be possible later this year. Money is being identified, a curriculum developed, and training materials assembled. The training will be done at the WC/ATWC and will be a "train the trainer" type of training.

ACTION: The NWS Alaska Region will advise on the dates of training.

The availability of the Emergency Management Weather Information Network (EMWIN) was discussed.

ACTION: The NWS will provide information on the system to all participants.

A report was given on the progress of the development of a PC based data base system which will provide emergency managers easy access to historical tsunami data for their area. The system should be available for distribution in late 1998.

ACTION: The NWS will provide all participants with a copy of the statement of work for the project and periodic progress reports.

There was a discussion on the availability of persons to handle public affairs activities. The NWS Alaskan and Pacific Regions agreed to make their Public Affairs Specialists available.

ACTION: Provide Steering Group members with names and addresses as follows:

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There was a discussion on procedures used by the two warning centers and also about the issuance of messages by the Centers on earthquakes unrelated to tsunamis.

ACTION: The NWS Pacific Region will provide all participants with copies of the Tsunami Communications Plan and Weather Service Operations Manual Chapter F-60, the policy document on the Tsunami Warning Service.

Other items discussed included the desirability of TV coverage of the buoy testing, the generation of a short script on Cascadia that could run periodically on the NWWS, specific event messages, and WCM participation in the Workshops the states will be holding relative to mitigation activities.